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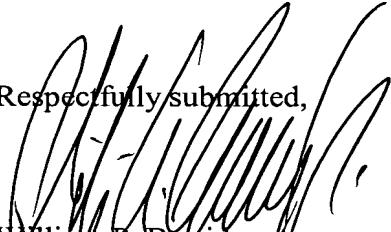
For: PROCESS DESIGNED TO PREVENT DEPOSITION OF CONTAMINATING  
PARTICLES ON THE SURFACE OF A MICRO-COMPONENT, MICRO-  
COMPONENT STORAGE DEVICE AND THIN LAYER DEPOSITION DEVICE

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